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Meeting with ~~SECRET~~BROCK in Holland

1. Forwarded herewith is a Contact Report on a meeting I had with ~~SECRET~~BROCK in The Hague on 8 November 1966. The meeting was cleared in advance with ☐ ☐ and ☐ ☐
2. By chance ~~SECRET~~CASTROP was in Berlin the day before I went to Holland and I advised him that I planned to call ~~SECRET~~BROCK. ~~SECRET~~CASTROP made no comment and assumedly advised UTILITY of my intentions.
3. When I spoke to ~~SECRET~~BROCK I told him of my conversation with ~~SECRET~~CASTROP and suggested that he report our meeting to ~~SECRET~~CATUSE Headquarters through his own channels. ~~SECRET~~BROCK said he would do so.

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10. By this time BROCK was running out of new things to say about his situation and work in Holland, so I asked how things were getting along at CATUSK Headquarters. BROCK said there was essentially no change; the organization was as bankrupt as ever and would certainly remain so as long as UTILITY stayed in office. BROCK said he now sees UTILITY only every three months or so when he makes his periodic visits to Munich. The last time he saw UTILITY he was struck by the fact that UTILITY seemed to be aging very rapidly. During this meeting [redacted] was also present and the conversation touched on the necessity of services like CATUSK and [redacted] to maintain excellent relations with WOFAC. UTILITY said he certainly agreed and for this reason had once selected the best man he could find in his service (an obvious reference to [redacted] to act as Liaison officer to WOFAC. However, UTILITY added with some bitterness, WOFAC had decided that the officer he selected was not good enough for them. No more was said, but BROCK is sure from UTILITY's attitude that his feelings toward WOFAC have not changed for the better.

11. BROCK next commented on UTILITY's sensitivity to being called an American stooge and the postures he occasionally cuts to prove he isn't. BROCK said that a good rule of thumb in judging UTILITY's actions is the size of his audience. If he takes out after WOFAC in a loud voice before an audience he is doing it to demonstrate to other Germans that he is not a WOFAC puppet. If he calls in the WOFAC Chief of Station for a private conference and complains about something then he really means it.

12. I asked if BROCK had heard any recent rumors about who would replace UTILITY. BROCK said that UTILITY was still determined to remain in office as long as there was a breath in his body. He had even kept SWAGNER, sick as he was, in office as vice-president in order to keep the question of new leadership for CATUSK from coming up. However, there continues to be a lot of speculation about his eventual successor, and most of this continued to revolve around General Gerhard WESSEL and HOUM. WESSEL seems to fear he is not going to get Graf von KIEHLMEISEGG's position and is actively campaigning for the job. However, HOUM has won a great deal of recognition for his ability to handle both WAGNER's job and his own and his chances are improving. The final choice between these two men and probably other candidates will depend on the political situation and new government in Bonn.

13. BROCK said UTILITY continues to wheel-and-deal with Bonn politicians in an effort to save his own job and protect CATUSK from criticism. Through HOUM, UTILITY recently established good relations with both KIESINGER and Dr. BERGER, the former German Ambassador in The Hague and now chief of the Presidential Staff. BERGER was formerly BROCK's chief in Holland and BROCK introduced him to HOUM. Via HOUM UTILITY has also succeeded in establishing contact with his old enemy, Franz Josef STRAUSS. UTILITY's good relations with KRONE deteriorated sharply during the last few months of the Erhard government. The cause of the trouble was KRONE's proselytizing a number of CATUSK officers to work for him. BROCK said he believed UTILITY had been glad to have trouble with KRONE and had deliberately exaggerated their quarrel. KRONE's

15. We talked next about a number of CATUSK officers known to both of us. BROCK said MOELLER is going to Spain. MOELLER voiced his hatred of UTILITY so loudly in CATUSK Headquarters that even the Putzhaus became aware of it and UTILITY had to ship him out. DESSAU is still deluging CATUSK with the information he picks up in